

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention WIC Nutrition Program

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Dietetic Intern Requests

Authority

Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics, Education Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards for Dietetic Internship Programs (section 2.1.4)

Policy

1. The Maine CDC WIC State Agency will facilitate dietetic internship program requests for Community Nutrition rotation student placement
 - 1.1 Priority for internship placement shall be given to the University of Maine Dietetic Internship program
 - 1.2 All Local WIC Agencies are required to host an intern, when requested, at least once per fiscal year.
 - 1.3 The Local Agency will have a Supervised Practice Agreement with the University of Maine and/or other educational institution prior to hosting an intern.
 - 1.4 The intern must be approved in conjunction with the State Agency Nutrition Coordinator before any commitments are to be made. If the local agency does not meet the threshold that requires a Registered Dietitian (RD) on staff, the State Agency Nutrition Coordinator and/or other State Agency staff RD shall serve as a preceptor for the intern's Community Nutrition experience.

Procedures

1. The State Agency will provide a list of Dietetic Internship Competencies to the Local Agency.
2. Intern requests will be considered for partial (one week) or entire (five weeks) Community Nutrition rotations.
3. Depending on the length of the internship, the Local Agency will provide training as time permits, to include but not be limited to the following;
 - 3.1. Certification and Eligibility
 - 3.2. Nutrition Services
 - 3.2.1. Nutrition Counseling
 - 3.2.2. Breastfeeding Promotion and Support

- 3.2.3. Food Package Design and Food Prescription Assignment, including tailoring
 - 3.2.4. Value Enhanced Nutrition Assessment (VENA)
 - 3.2.5. Referrals
 - 3.3. Food Benefit Delivery
- 4. The Local Agency staff members who have worked with an intern will be requested to provide input for the intern's evaluation.
 - 4.1. The State Agency will provide evaluation forms from the intern's dietetic internship to the Local Agency.
 - 4.2. The State Agency will coordinate exit interviews at the conclusion of the intern's rotation.